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OF COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

#### **In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 18, 21, 23-25.

Please amend claims 1-3, 9, 11,12,14, 15, 17 and add claim 18-26 as follows:

**18.** A method for controlling data in an apparatus (302), comprising;

- (a) a process to make a copy in said apparatus from an original data,
- (b) a process to check a valid date of said copy in response to a request for said data from an operator or a program, and to send said copy to said operator or program if said copy is valid, otherwise to generate a new copy in said apparatus by reading in the latest original data from an apparatus holding said original data and to send said copy to said operator or program, and
- (c) a process to revise (722) a record of corresponding valid date by receiving (713) an instruction for revising a valid date of a copy .

**19.** The method for controlling data according to Claim 18, comprising:

- (d) a process for receiving (501) and recording (511) "a designation of an original data, a distinguish data for version of the original data, and a valid date" corresponding to said copy, and
- (e) a process to find (716) a copy corresponding to both said "designation of an original data" and said "distinguish data for version of the original data", which are received (713) to revise (722) corresponding valid date of said copy.

**20.** The method for controlling data according to Claim 19, comprising:

- (f) a process to find (718) copies of data, which matches said "designation of an original